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1. SUBSEQUENT TO DRV/PRG SUSPENSION SINE DIE OF THEIR

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PARTICIPATION IN TPJMC/FPJMT, RVN DEL TO TPJMC JUNE 25 RELEASED

FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO CORRECT DRV/PRG DISTORTIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE FORA SINCE GVN'S REINSTATEMENT JUNE 7 OF ALL THEIR ESTABLISHED PRIVILEGES.

2. QUOTE AT 0900 HOURS ON JUNE 23, 1974, THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNIST MILITARY DELEGATION TOGETHER WITH THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT OF THE OTHER SIDE'S SO-CALLED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DATED JUNE 22, 1974, WITH REGARD TO THE UNILATERAL DECISION TO SUSPEND SINE DIE ITS ATTENDANCE TO THE TPJMC AND FPJMT SESSIONS.

3. TO THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION, THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED DECISION BECAUSE SINCE THE DAY THE TWO PARTY JMC RESUMED ITS SESSIONS UPON THE 7 JUNE 1974 INITIATIVE OF THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TWO-PARTY JMC WITH FOUR CHIEF DELEGATE LEVEL SESSIONS AND THE FOUR-PARTY JMT WITH THREE SESSIONS HAVE BEEN NORMALIZED EXCEPT THE CONTINUOUS SUSPENSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION LEVEL SESSIONS, DUE TO THE COMMUNIST DELEGATES' ABSENCE. NOTHING HAS FOREBODED THIS SITUATION AND ESPECIALLY THERE IS NO WAY TO JUSTIFY SUCH A DECISION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. FURTHERMORE, DURING THE PREVIOUS DELEGATION CHIEF LEVEL SESSION ON JUNE 21, 1974, AS WELL AS DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 22, 1974, THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO ATTEND THE TPJMC AND AND FPJMT SESSIONS.

4. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME SINCE MAY 10, 1974, THE COMMUNIST SIDE UNILATERALLY CANCELS ALL SESSIONS. LAST TIME, THEY WERE ABLE TO LAMELY DEFEND THEMSELVES BY ALLEGING THE PRETEXT THAT THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION HAD DEPRIVED THEM OF ADDITIONAL IMMUNITIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE ELEVEN POINTS OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES STIPULATED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THIS TIME THEIR DECISION IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE:

1. ALL LARGESSES ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN REACCORDED BY THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION:

- THE COMMUNIST DELEGATION HAS BEEN ABLE TO USE ITS TELEPHONE LINES NORMALLY.

- THE COMMUNIST DELEGATION HAS ENJOYED THREE SAIGON-LOC NINH UNCLASSIFIED

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LIAISON FLIGHTS PROVIDED BY THE RVN ON JUNE 13, 17 AND 24, 1974.

- THE COMMUNIST DELEGATION HAS THREE TIMES MET LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESSMEN ON JUNE 8, 15 AND 22, 1974.

2. THE COMMUNIST DELEGATION HAS RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL TPJMC DELEGATION CHIEF LEVEL AND FPJMT SESSIONS AND USED THESE OFFICIAL FORUMS TO PRESENT ITS DEMANDS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO

CONSIDERATION BY THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION ON THE BASIS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

5. CONSEQUENTLY, WHY DOES THE OTHER SIDE ORDER ITS MILITARY DELEGATION TO CANCEL THE JMC SESSIONS?

6. THE TWO MAIN REASONS ALLEGED BY THE OTHER SIDE ARE:

1. THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION FAILS TO MEET THE COMMUNIST DEMANDS ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND UNILATERALLY CANCELED THE SAIGON-LOC NINH LIAISON FLIGHT ON JUNE 21, 1974.

2. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST BOAT LT 174 WAS SUNK BY THE RVN WHILE IT WAS ON A CIVIL SUPPLY MISSION WITHIN THE SO-CALLED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE NLF.

7. THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO ANALYZE THESE ALLEGED PRETEXTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF THE PUBLIC OPINION AND THE JUNE 7, 1974, INITIATIVE FROM THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION, THE COMMUNIST SIDE WAS COMPELLED TO RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE SINCE JUNE 11, 1974, HOWEVER, IT PUT FORTH ITS NEW DEMANDS ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN FACT, THESE DEMANDS WERE BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK DESIGNED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND WERE RAISED WITH A VIEW TO LIBELING THE RVN AND FACILITATING THE COMMUNIST SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE RVN IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE NVN COMMUNIST UNITS ON THE BATTLEFIELDS. DURING THE SESSION ON JUNE 18, 1974, THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION CLEARLY REVEALED THESE POINTS AND EXPRESSED ITS JUST POSITION SHOWING THAT THE RVN WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITHIN THE ELEVEN POINTS OF

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PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WHICH WERE THE ELEVEN POINTS STEMMING FROM ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE JMC'S AND ARTICLE 11A OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE RVN WAS ALSO READY TO DISCUSS THE THOROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE POINTS IN CASE THE OTHER SIDE MADE A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE.

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RECENTLY, ON 21 JUNE 1974, TWO HELICOPTERS USED TO TRANS-
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PORT COMMUNIST PERSONNEL TO LOC NINH MET WITH MECHANICAL
TROUBLES. THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION THEN REQUESTED THESE
COMMUNIST PERSONNEL TO WAIT FOR TWO OTHER HELICOPTERS BUT
THEY REFUSED AND RETURNED TO THEIR PREMISES. THEIR REAL

INTENT WHEN OVERDRAMATIZING A VERY MINOR AND NORMAL INCIDENT IS NOW CRYSTAL-CLEAR. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNISTS ON 23 JUNE 1974 REQUESTED BLANES FOR LOC NINH AND THEIR REQUEST WAS SATISFIED YESTERDAY, 24 JUNE 1974.

2. THE OTHER SIDE CONTENDED THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SHIP LT 174 WAS SUNK IN THE SO-CALLED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE NLF. THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO CLARIFY TWO POINTS.

(1) PENDING REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY, THE BORDERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE GENEVA AGREEMENT OF 1954 AS STRETCHING FROM THE 17TH PARALLEL TO THE CA MAU PENINSULA. THEREFORE, THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE RVN ENCOMPASSES THE INTEGRITY OF LAND, AIR SPACE AND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY.

(2) WITHIN THAT TERRITORY, THERE ARE AREAS ILLEGALLY, MILITARILY OCCUPIED BY THE NVN COMMUNISTS. BUT THIS TEMPORARY MILITARY STATIONING DOES NOT CONFER SOVEREIGNTY TO THE NVN COMMUNISTS, LET ALONE TO THEIR TOOL, THE NLF, AND ORGANIZATION IN NAME ONLY.

3. THE OTHER SIDE ALLEGED THAT THE NVN COMMUNISTS SHIP WAS ON A CIVILIAN SUPPLY MISSION. TWO THINGS SHOULD BE POINTED OUT:

(1) THE NVN SHIP LT 174 EXPLODED BEFORE SINKING. IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS NO WAR MATERIAL ABOARD THE SHIP. MOREOVER, WHEN SEARCHING THE SHIP, RVN UNITS FOUND CANNED FOOD OF THE KINDS OFTEN CONFISCATED FROM THE COMMUNISTS ON THE BATTLEFIELDS AND ON THE INFILTRATION ROADS FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH. THEIR ARGUMENTS -- A CIVILIAN SUPPLY MISSION -- DO NOT STAND.

(2) THIS IS A CASE OF VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY THE NVN COMMUNISTS CAUGHT RED-HANDED. THIS IS ONE MORE PROOF SHOWING THAT THE NVN COMMUNISTS HAVE ALWAYS INTERVENED INTO SOUTH VIETNAM, CONTINUED INFILTRATING TROOPS, WEAPONS AND WAR MATERIALS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM IN ORDER TO NURTURE THE WAR, TO USE THE NLF AS A SCREEN TO STEP UP MILITARY OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES TO HARM PEOPLE AND GRAB LAND, ALL WITHIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OVERALL ATTEMPT TO ANNEX THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

8. BASED ON THE FACTS AND DATA PRESENTED ABOVE, THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION AFFIRMS THAT IT IS THE NVN COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES WHO INITIATED AND ORDERED THEIR TOOL, THE NLF, TO CREATE ONE AGAIN AN IMPASSE IN THE CENTRAL TWO-PARTY JMC AND THE FOUR-PARTY JMT.

9. THE NVN COMMUNISTS ACTED HASTILY IN ORDER TO COVER UP THEIR BLATANT VIOLATIONS AND ALSO TO FIND A WAY OUT FOR THEIR SIDE'S UNDEFENSIBLE POSITION AT THE CONFERENCE

TABLE. FACED WITH THE SOLID ARGUMENTS AND THE PROPER ATTITUDE OF THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION, THE COMMUNISTS COULD SAY NOTHING MORE THE DEFEND THEIR IRRATIONAL AND INSOLENT ATTITUDE AND THEIR INHUMANE ACTS.

10. THIS IS ALSO A RISKY MOVE ON THE PART OF THE NVN COMMUNISTS, A MOVE DISREGARDING CRITICISM FROM NATIONAL AND WORLD OPINION, ONE TRYING TO RESORT TO IMAGINARY EVENTS TO ERECT LEGAL SCREENS IN ORDER TO HIDE NEW ESCALATION STEPS TO PRESS THE WAR AND TO CAUSE SUFFERING AND DEATH TO THE INNOCENT POPULATION.

11. THE NVN COMMUNISTS AND THEIR TOOL, THE NLF, WILL HAVE TO ANSWER THE PEOPLE AND BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE WORLD OPINION FOR THEIR ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THEIR ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY ALL CHANCES OF RESTORING PEACE IF INDEED THEY ARE REALLY DETERMINED TO ABANDON THE ROAD OF NEGOTIATIONS IN FAVOR OF THAT OF VIOLENCE.

12. EVEN THOUGH THE COMMUNISTS' INTENTS TO SABOTAGE AND TO PROVOKE ARE CLEAR, THE RVN MILITARY DELEGATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE TRADITIONAL GOOD-WILLED, PEACE-LOVING AND HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT OF ITS GOVERNMENT, ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO OBSERVE, IMPLEMENT AND DEFEND THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PRESENT AT THE TWO-PARTY JMC SO AS TO GIVE THE COMMUNIST SIDE A CHANCE TO THINK, TO REPENT AND TO RETURN TO THE COMMON SENSE. UNQUOTE
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